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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLIES TO APOLLO-SOYUZ MESSAGES

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO
PRESIDENT KIRCHSCHLAEGER. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK
YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES AS WE CELEBRATE THE
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION.

I HAVE BEEN HEARTENED BY THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THIS FIRST
INTERNATIONAL MANNED SPACE VENTURE AND HAVE GREAT HOPES
FOR FUTURE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SPACE. IN MY
CONVERSATION WITH THE APOLLO AND SOYUZ CREWS AS THEY SAT
TOGETHER ORBITING HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH, I STATED MY
CONVICTION THAT, THANKS TO THEIR JOINT FLIGHT, THE DAY IS
NOT FAR OFF WHEN INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OF THIS SORT WILL
BE MORE OR LESS COMMONPLACE.

THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION DEMONSTRATES THAT, BY COMBINING
THEIR SKILLS AND INTELLECT, NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAVE
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ENORMOUS POTENTIAL FOR SOLVING COMMON PROBLEMS AND ATTAINING

COMMON GOALS ON EARTH AS WELL AS IN SPACE. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE.

2. FYI: THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT KIRCHSCHLAEGER'S MESSAGE
TO THE PRESIDENT FOLLOWS: QUOTE: ON THE OCCASION OF
THE HAPPILY SUCCESSFUL AMERICAN-SOVIET SPACE VENTURE I
CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY ON BEHALF OF THE AUSTRIAN
PEOPLE MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND THE EXPRESSION OF
DEEP ADMIRATION FOR THE MARVELOUS TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT.
MAY THIS HISTORIC SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION CONTRIBUTE
ALSO TO A BETTER COOPERATION ON INTERNATIONAL FIELD AND
FURTHER PROMOTE INTERHUMAN RELATIONS. RUDOLF KIRCH-
SCHLAEGER. UNQUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. INGERSOLL

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